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Vicki Brooker photo

The puck stops here

St. Paul Midget B Canadiens' goalie Wyatt Dewan gets some support from fellow Elk Point import Brett Ockerman as he deflects a Vermillion Tigers shot in Sunday's game at the A. G. Ross Arena, with a good crowd on hand to cheer on the league-leading Canadiens, who have six Elk Point players on their roster.

Chamber finds Eco Education room sponsor

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point chamber of commerce started off the new year with excitement, learning at their first meeting of 2011 that TD Bank Group will be sponsoring the eco education room on the upper floor of the Visitor Information EcoCentre with a \$15,000 donation over three years.

"They see the value of what we are doing, and are big on education," Elk Point's economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko told the chamber. Debra McQuinn received a round of applause for her efforts toward achieving the sponsorship, and Bezpalko also thanked Rona's Lesia Porcina for her part in the application process, when she provided the chamber with information on the eco-friendly materials used in the building, such as windows from a company with a green-built program.

The TD Bank Group Eco Education Room "will be used to educate children, teens and adults on eco-friendly ways of doing things," from alternative energy to eco-friendly building products and "we do want to hold workshops there, even though we have limited seating," Bezpalko said. "This is taking off."

The building's educational component will mean that from now on, chamber staff will be doing much more than handing out maps and providing directions to the nearest campground and golf course, Bezpalko said. "That person will be involved in both tourism and education, as we take this to the next level."

The TD Bank Group will be delivering the big cheque in February, and the chamber would like to add to the décor of the main floor by then. Adam and Peggy Smereka have donated a CN Rail clock and Jack Bretzer a signal light, but more railway memorabilia or old-time photos of the station or the community would be more than welcome. Photos could be scanned and returned, if the donors wished.

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Mother, daughter rack up 55 years in news

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

A mother and daughter who share a passion for the newspaper industry say they wouldn't leave their jobs even if they won a million dollar lottery. Between the pair, they have more than half a century of expertise in the news business. Vicki Brooker celebrates over 30 years of service with the St. Paul Journal and the Elk Point Review and her daughter is close behind, having spent 25 years at the St. Paul Journal.

"It has been a really interesting job; I have gone all sorts of amazing places," said Brooker about her 30 years, in which she's

worked mainly as the reporter and editor for the Elk Point Review. Over the years, she travelled to Fort Chipewyan to cover its bicentennial, took pictures of Queen Elizabeth II and Mother Teresa, and met many politicians.

"I have seen Elk Point at its best and at its worst," said Brooker, explaining that the town has undergone several booms and busts over the years because of changes in the oil industry. "I have seen times when they were building houses as fast as they could because so many people were moving in and times when you couldn't sell a house if you gave it away."

Brooker writes stories, takes pictures,

edits and does the layout for the Elk Point Review. She said she is thankful to have the assistance of Melanie McRae to sell ads and help out wherever needed.

Despite her best efforts, Brooker admits a few typos have slipped through and made it to print. One that still makes her smile is the time she wrote MLA Ray Danyluk's name as 'Rat Danyluk.'

"He just laughed when he found out," said Brooker. "He took it in good spirit."

According to Brooker, it all began for her on Feb. 20, 1980 at a bonspiel in Elk Point. Her daughter, Smith, was a high school student at the time and writing articles for a different rural newspaper.

Because Smith didn't drive yet, her mother drove her to the event. Brooker noticed that there was no reporter for the St. Paul Journal present.

"I was a dedicated member of the curling club and thought ... well somebody better write this up, so I did," said Brooker. "I brought it into the Journal and dropped it off and a week later I got a letter from (publisher of the time) L.H. Drouin, saying 'Thank you and here is a cheque and if there is any other Elk Point news you would like to contribute, please bring it in.' I have the letter still and I have been doing it ever since."

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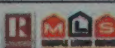
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Elk Point's top news headlines of 2010

This week, we continue our review of the top news stories of 2010...

July

Huge crowds enjoyed all

the Canada Day events, from the pancake breakfast and parade to the Canada Day Idol competition and fireworks. Lorraine Quinney

was the first flight winner in the second annual Diamond Drillbit Golf Tournament.

The age at which pets must be licensed and the numbers of animals allowed per household were contentious issues for town council, as they revamped the animal control bylaw. Ferguson Flats Association celebrated 60 years of community involvement at their annual picnic.

Town council set rules for campground users, to take effect July 15, including a 14-day maximum stay in either campground. Red Hat Society members were special guests at the Fort George and Buckingham House Saskatoon Festival, with events including tours of the fort sites and complimentary stagecoach rides.

Elk Point Sox made it three for three, winning silver at the Tier I Midget Provincials, following silver in 2008 and gold in 2009. County bylaw officer Dennis Laboucane reported a quiet season at local lakes, rising water levels, and fewer ATV complaints than in 2009.

August

The exact site was not determined yet, but town council agreed that the water spray park would be located somewhere north of the A. G. Ross Arena, where both water and sewer are in place. Lindsey MacDonald brought home bronze in both long jump and 200 m hurdles from the Alberta Summer Games.

Elk Point Community Choir set off on a five-concert tour of England, Wales

and Scotland, returning to places they liked best in earlier tours and adding Ireland. Mayor Parrish Tung assured ratepayers that the community's multiple major projects came not from their tax dollars, but rather by careful utilization of grants.

The parking of recreational vehicles, disconnected from towing vehicles, on streets and town property, and the lack of water for golf course greens, figured prominently on town council's agenda. Lillian Balazs of Cold Lake won the Grand Aggregate award at the Elk Point Horticultural and Craft Show and Quilt Show.

Thick smoke from BC forest fires wasn't a good start for the 27th annual Oilmen's Golf Tournament, but dispersed considerably over the weekend, with Bart Kindopp of Bonnyville winning the championship during his first visit to the tournament. The provincial government was seeking public input on proposed changes to regulations on the use of public lands and forests.

Despite fears that performers might be "singing in the rain," the Fort des Prairies Jamboree at Fort George and Buckingham House went through its entire program without a sprinkle. Town council approved a trail beautification program to assist with landscaping at the Visitor Information EcoCentre with Iron Horse Trail grant funds.

September

History was brought to life as the buckskin-clad Alberta Field Force II Steele's Scouts arrived on horseback at the Frog Lake National Historic Site to commemorate 125 years since their predecessors

made the trip to apprehend Chief Big Bear and his warriors during the Northwest Rebellion. Darcy Young-hans, who left Heinsburg Community School in Grade 10 to further his hockey career, finally came home, this time to be the school's new principal.

Ruby Braconnier was the first Lakeland Rodeo Association Showdown Ladies' Barrel Racing champion from this area in more than 25 years, since Anne Lawes won the 1984 championship and Wanda Austin the 1985 championship, with Wendy Lorensen, (Young) the junior champion both those years. Families joined in the Grandparents Day walk and celebration, raising money to assist the Seniors Recreation Centre, the local handi-bus and grandparents in Leshoto, Africa who are raising grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

Northern Lights Library System, continuing to evolve after 20 years of operation, proudly showed off their nearly completed major renovation project during the system's annual conference. Town council finalized their revised animal control bylaw and new alternative energy bylaw, with no written or oral objections received during a public hearing on the latter.

Seven strategies for determining land use in Alberta's Lower Athabasca Region were outlined at a public input session leading to a long-term vision and sustainable plan for the region. An expanded group of volunteers gave planning for the Nov. 28 Christmas Extravaganza a jump start, with suggestions for new activities coming forward

and many details assigned.

October

Elk Point Elementary and F. G. Miller Schools marked the 30th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope with runs raising funds for cancer research. Bob Bezpalko brought council a proposal for an energy-monitoring project involving the town and Lakeland College, with monitoring equipment to be installed at the Elk Point Visitor Information Eco Centre and the data going to an on-line database.

Elk Point chamber of commerce was honoured at the Alberta Chambers of Commerce roundtable when president Sandy Smith was presented with the Alberta Chamber of the Year award for chambers under 100 members. Brendan Bishop, Grade 11, Kelsey Lindquist, Grade 10, Tia Lowry, Grade 9, Jared Loughran, Grade 8, and Kelly Sam, Grade 7, were named the top students of the 2009-2010 school year at F. G. Miller High School awards night.

Steve Upham was elected as the County of St. Paul's first-ever reeve-at-large, taking over the chair from Robert Bouchard, who had been on county council for 30 years, 26 of them as reeve, Dwight Dach taking over Division 2 from Tom Kurek, who retired. Mayor Parrish Tung retained his position in the general election, with Ron Fraess and Eugene Buck taking seats previously held by Mark Gormley and Dick Millar.

Elk Point was well on its way to having its own Victim Services unit, after 15 years under St. Paul and District Victim Services' umbrella.

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Sandie Bishop photo

Scholarship winner

On behalf of Twin Butte Energy Ltd and Kelly Knibbs, Cheri Lindquist presents a \$1000.00 scholarship to Tanner Shankowski to assist the 2010 F.G. Miller grad in his post-secondary studies at Grant MacEwan. Tanner is studying engineering, to pursue a career in the petroleum industry.

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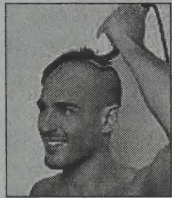
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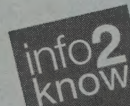
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Eco Education room

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Mircea Paciuk said the Northern Lights Library System also benefits from the generosity of the TD Bank Group, as one of the sponsors of their summer reading program.

The chamber will also get major assistance from the town's Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding, pending provincial approval of a \$20,000 grant to support this year's visitor

information program. In addition, the chamber will apply for the usual STEP and federal employment grants.

The chamber had also applied for a grant to help pay down their building loan, but town manager Myron Goyan said this would not qualify, because "MSI is operational, not capital. It doesn't cover paying down loans."

Busy year coming up

It's looking like a busy

year for the chamber, starting with tonight's Christmas Extravaganza volunteer appreciation supper.

"We really appreciate all the help we got" for the Nov. 26 gala, Smith said, "and we hope all those volunteers will join us tonight."

The chamber's 2011 membership applications, along with information on the advantages of being a chamber member, will be mailed out early this month as the annual membership campaign gets underway.

Next on the event lineup is the chamber's annual general meeting on Feb. 16. An event had been tentatively planned for the Family Day weekend, but no details have been worked out yet, and the chamber has learned that the Elk Point Trail Riders vintage snowmobile show is the following weekend.

Smith is already hard at work on plans for a family-style street festival on June 4, in conjunction with the Elk Point Auto Club Show and Shine. She hopes to have vendors set up booths along Main Street, and adding entertainment and contests.

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Busy start to new year for RCMP

By Cst. JOHN SPAANS

Elk Point RCMP Detachment

On Jan. 1, police were alerted to a vehicle being stolen in Elk Point. The complainant had parked his vehicle on the street while out celebrating New Year's Eve. When he returned the next day to retrieve his vehicle, he found it had been stolen. The grey 2009 Ford F-150 bearing BC license plates was last seen parked on 48 Ave. near 52 Street on New Year's Eve. Police are seeking the assistance of the public in locating the vehicle.

Break and enter

At 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 1, Elk Point RCMP were contacted by members of Frog Lake Security after they came across a group of individuals attempting to break into the Career Centre building in Frog Lake. The group of males and females ranging in age from 17 to 23 had allegedly forced their way into the building in order to use the washroom. The group has been charged with breaking and entering and

will appear in St. Paul Provincial and Youth Courts.

Assaults

At 1 a.m. on Jan. 2, Elk Point RCMP received a complaint of assault with a weapon in Frog Lake. It is alleged that a male youth and an adult male were playing video games. When the game did not go as planned, the youth pulled a knife on the adult. No one was hurt during this occurrence. The youth has been charged with assault with a weapon and will appear in St. Paul Youth Court.

On Jan. 7 at 11:30 p.m., Elk Point RCMP were called to a residence in Frog Lake after residents were concerned that the male was too intoxicated and needed to be removed. While members were en route, the suspect male was picked up by a female and taken home. However, during the drive home, the intoxicated male allegedly began assaulting the female victim. Police located the suspect and charged him with assault. The 22-year-old Frog Lake male was also found to be on an outstanding warrant for an unpaid fine.

The female victim did not suffer any serious injuries.

Prisoners

Elk Point Detachment operates with four holding cells for persons under arrest. These cells are guarded by members of the public who have passed security clearances. The guards at the Elk Point Detachment work on an on-call basis and can be called upon at a moment's notice. During 2010, the Elk Point Detachment housed 320 prisoners. The Elk Point RCMP is currently looking for more guards to be added to the on-call list. Should any member of the general public be interested in guarding, please contact the Elk Point Detachment for more information and specific requirements.

Got photos?

Due to heavy snowfall and subsequently bad highway conditions, *The Review* was unable to attend Saturday's Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club Malanka celebration.

If anyone has great photos from this event that they would be willing to share with our readers, please e-mail them to vbroomer@stpaul.greatwest.ca by Friday, Jan. 14 and if possible, include information on the group pictured and the dance they are performing, as well as the name of the photographer. Your contribution would be much appreciated.

Snow days for novices, atoms

Here's a message for good old Mother Nature. Snow days should be reserved for school days and work days only, that's Monday to Friday, not hockey days like this past Saturday.

Two of our three home games on Saturday were cancelled due to poor road conditions, the novice team from Vermilion and the Atom team from Lloydminster both called to say they wouldn't be making the trip in this weather, too bad, everyone was disappointed of course, but think about it, what if we the ones travelling. Would you go? Yes or No?

A little bit of blowing snow wasn't enough to stop the brave souls from Mallaig though. At the crack of dawn on Saturday morning the little micro-novice team broke trail to Elk Point to face the Avalanche, the Avalanche winning this one. Luke Poulin, Chayse "Cyclone" Pankiw and Jaden VanMaarion with a hat trick each, the "Spring Park Sniper" Kaden Allen nailed the target with two goals and added two helpers to boot, Vanden Moroziuk lit the lamp with his first ever goal and assisting on two others, Konner Poitras potting one, Joey Cardinal on the score sheet with an assist and Brady Hymanyk getting his first point ever with an assist, as well as doing a super job when called upon to be the goalkeeper, Sam "Spiderman" Rogal working in the corners digging the puck out, Nic Penner fore checking hard creating turnovers and the last man standing Cash "CC" Capjack back checking to save the day on numerous

scoring opportunities. Dean "the Machine" Ockerman was out of the line up with a broken wrist he suffered in a toboggan accident during the holidays.



**doug
BASSETT**

Review Sports

From little acorns they grow into huge oak trees, the St. Paul Canadiens Midget B team, with a number of quality players from Elk Point in the line up, hosted the Vermilion Tigers on Sunday afternoon in our barn, the Canadiens sending the Tigers home with their tail between their legs and winning this one 12 to 4. Elk Point products Dakota "Doc" Amyotte and "Dan the Man" Danny Garret with a hat trick each, Jason "Juby" Jubinville also with

a hat trick, Brett "the Moose" Ockerman with a blistering slap shot from the point finding the twine, Danny Onciul and TJ Wapass also scoring singles. Four assists for team captain Dino Meger. Between the pipes Wyatt "Mad Dog" Dewan played suburb, facing 45 shots and was especially strong when the Canadiens were short handed, and on three occasions during 5-on-3 situations he stood his ground and never allowed any goals.

Were there a lot of penalties in this one? Well I guess, it's midget hockey and boys will be boys, especially when the pretty young girls are watching the game.

That game capped off the Canadiens' three-game, 32-goal weekend that started in St. Paul Friday night when they gave Lloydminster a 17-6 spanking. A hat trick for "Dan the Man," two each for "Juby," Blake

Sellers, Dino Meger and Jared Vallee, singles for Brandon Gamache, Danny Onciul, TJ Wapass, Dakota Cross, "Doc" Amyotte and birthday boy "Moose" Ockerman.

On Saturday, the Canadiens munched through the blizzard to Wainwright, losing 6-3 in another rough game, TJ Wapass, "Juby" and "the Moose" hitting the twine.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week "He could thread a needle with a puck, shoot it like a bullet or float it soft. Orr was the only player who could dictate the tempo of the game, speed it up or slow it down. He could seed the whole ice the way a spectator sees it from above." Last week's answer to: "I never wanted to be coach of the year; I just wanted to be coach for a year." - Pat Burns.

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EDITORIAL

Weather permitting

The best laid plans are only as good as the weather. A person can plan an event at any time of the year, from midwinter to the height of summer, but no one can guarantee that the weather will cooperate.

Such it was this weekend. The Malanka celebration had been on everyone's calendars for weeks, leagues had hockey games scheduled, individuals had pricey tickets for events or airline flights... and then the weatherman intervened. Heavy snow, howling winds, blocked drive-ways and roads changed plans and many of us didn't get to where we wanted to be, whether that was the Arts and Leisure Centre or sun-drenched Arizona. We all felt bad about what we were missing, but we all knew for sure: Mother Nature had the last word, again.

WAY BACK WHEN...

New Year's babies, no more UGG, new names

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 11 IN...

1986

Elk Point and District Lions Club celebrated 15 years of service, with 10-year members Karl Heinemann and Johnny Oryschuk receiving their chevrons, however 15-year members, John Williams and Lawrence Modin, were unable to attend the celebration. Kristyn Pamela Ballas, daughter of Pam and Randy, was Elk Point's New Year's baby, arriving at 4:23 a.m. on Jan. 9.

1991

New Year's baby Shannon Marie Paul and parents Brenda Paul and Ronald Fryingpan were presented with armloads of gifts from the hospital auxiliary and Order of the Royal Purple. Elk Point Pioneer Circle was hopeful that they could purchase the large building at the corner of Highway 41 and 51 Ave. for a very reasonable sum, to be used as their new seniors centre.

1996

It was the end of an era, as United Grain Growers closed their doors Dec. 31 after serving the community for 68 years, and operated all three elevators after Alberta Wheat Pool built a new elevator west of town in 1983. Town council and the FCSS board discussed the department's role and its future, in the wake of grant cuts and unpaid taxes, which have decreased the town's income.

2001

Marvin Clutterbuck of Flint Construction Services visited the chamber of commerce to outline changes that came with the new year, with 11 Flint Energy Services member companies now operating under new names, with Reid's Welding becoming Flint Construction Services and operating out of the former Reid's Welding location in Elk Point industrial park. County residents were advised that membership in any Northern Lights Library System library would now cost \$60, because the county was not a NLLS member municipality.

2006

Elk Point chamber of commerce gave a warm welcome to their newly appointed economic development officer, Ernie Isley, who said his role was to promote the town and try to get new endeavours underway. Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club members and their families gathered at Armistice Hall for a traditional Christmas supper, followed by spirited dancing and a play that encompassed many seasonal traditions.

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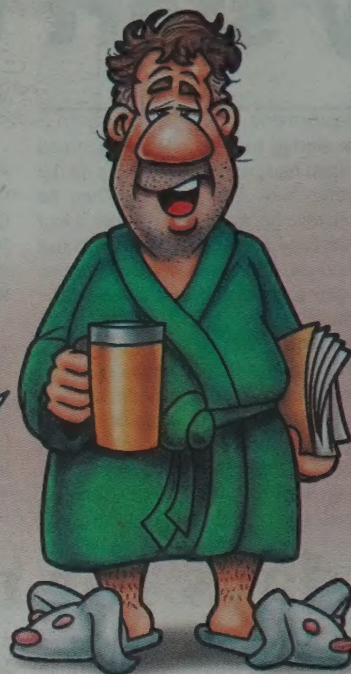
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GUEST COLUMN

Oh my! The weather!

It is now 2011 and we are hoping our weather will change. But it hasn't. We have heard about the Australian floods, the minimum temperatures across the Kashmir Valley in India, the freezing weather leading to south China evacuations, the China's Yellow River basin being seriously impacted by water and soil erosion, the big freeze in Russia, the UK experiencing the coldest December in the last 100 years, snow hitting southwest B.C., and we could go on and on with other weather phenomenon. So what is happening with our weather?

Just when you think you've got the seasons all figured out, along comes a winter that is nothing like what you expect. Around the country, around the world, everything seems to be upside down. Places like Seattle that are accustomed to cool temperatures and a lot of rain instead get warm, dry weather. Places in sunny southern California, the Southwest desert, and even the southeastern United States get cold temperatures and heavy rain. That's almost a sure sign of El Niño – above –average Pacific Ocean sea surface temperatures and atmospheric conditions that change the places where storms go. El Niño's "Bad Boy" reputation as a natural disaster comes not from extra storminess, but from the fact that it puts storms in places that can't handle them so well.

El Niño causes some serious weather problems around the world, no doubt about it, but La Niña, the contrary sister, is not exactly a sweet little thing either. In places like the northeastern United States and eastern Canada, that are accustomed to cold and snowy winters, La Niña often makes for especially hard winters. In the rainy Pacific Northwest, La Niña winters seem to bring even more rain and snow than usual. Across the desert Southwest, often the season is even drier than normal. Tornadoes seem especially numerous during springs and summers of La Niña, and the Atlantic hurricane season can be especially long and dangerous.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

Here is a rule that is not always exactly true, but still is useful to compare the impacts of El Niño and his contrary sister. Where El Niño is warm, La Niña is cool. Where El Niño is wet, La Niña is dry. While El Niño conditions and their seasonal impacts look very different from normal, La Niña conditions often bring winters that are typical – only more so. There's something else to keep in mind: El Niño and La Niña tend to make seasonal conditions one way or another, but every El Niño and La Niña is different.

deanna
EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk



Like a lot of brothers and sisters, El Niño and La Niña don't get along together. In the tropical Pacific Ocean, they are opposites. If you have one, you can't have the other. In the ocean, the uppermost layer of warm water – which flattens out during El Niño – now has an especially sharp wedge-shape to itself during La Niña. It is thick up against South Asia, where the Warm Pool is especially deep. Above the ocean, the tradewinds are especially strong. And on the opposite side of the ocean, up against South America, because of the strong offshore winds, the warm surface layer disappears all together. The deeper cold water is flowing directly up to the surface for a great distance along the Equator. This means the Cold Tongue is sticking out far into the sea.

La Niña impacts on the world's weather are less predictable than the effects wrought by El Niño. This is mainly because of the big differences in the jet stream and the storm track. El Niño causes the Pacific storm track to become stronger, to drop farther south than usual, and to straighten out like a necklace of weather extending more-or-less straight across the ocean. The La Niña storm track is weaker and loopy and irregular, like a piece of wet and wiggly spaghetti, more changeable – the behavior and direction of the storms it carries are more difficult to accurately forecast.

All this information about El Niño and La Niña I found on the internet – For Dummies. It is nice to find something explained simply rather than scientifically. Therefore, from this information, we have learned we can blame all the strong weather happenings in the world on weather's sibling rivalry.

The question of the day is: "All right, whose fault is it this time?" And the next question: "Will the weather be back to normal when the rivalry is over?"

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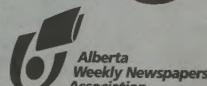
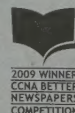
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Vicki Brooker and her daughter Marge Smith are seen here in the St. Paul Journal's newsroom. Together, the pair have spent 55 years and counting in the news business.

Mother, daughter rack up 55 years in news

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About a month later, Drouin gave her a 35 mm camera and some film to take pictures for her stories. Brooker admits she had no idea how to use it but got her kids to show her how to load it with film and learned the rest through experience. She soon became the "foreign correspondent" for the St. Paul Journal, writing the news from Elk Point.

At the Journal's Christmas party in 1983, Drouin made a surprise announcement that he was going to buy Brooker her own newspaper. In March, Drouin purchased the Elk Point Lakeland Review and she was hired on as a reporter, as the paper already had an editor, pressman and receptionist. In September of that year, the editor left suddenly and she was made editor.

Smith had been writing stories in high school for another weekly newspaper but was living in Mallaig when she was hired as a proofreader in February of 1985 for the St. Paul Journal. She initially came in to replace another employee on holiday leave but by September, she had a full time position and she quit her other part time job at the burger bar in Mallaig. Her job at the

Journal expanded to include a variety of duties, including proofreading, laying out ads on the light tables, and doing bindery.

"We did all the commercial print here then; we used to have way more people," said Smith, explaining that the older production methods were much more labour intensive, requiring many steps. She is now the production manager for the St. Paul Journal and everything is done on the computer. "Now we just make a PDF of the file and e-mail it to St. Albert for printing and our driver goes to the city and picks it up. (It's) much more simple and we use about a third of the people that we used to."

Both said that they love their jobs because they enjoy the people they work with and because the work is interesting.

"Everybody here works together as a team to get the paper out and we like each other," said Smith.

They both added that they like working for Great West Newspapers, which now owns the Elk Point Review and the St. Paul Journal, and said they felt appreciated at work. This year, they both received bonuses and awards in recognition of their long-term service.

Jobs for young Canadians

OTTAWA, Ontario — MP Brian Storseth is pleased to advise that the Government of Canada announced a significant investment in the Canada Summer Jobs program that will create more job opportunities for students. This commitment will also support important community services and strengthen the economy. The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, made the announcement today to launch this year's program.

Starting in 2011, the Government of Canada is permanently increasing the budget for Canada Summer Jobs by \$10 million, bringing the total program budget to \$107.5 million. The additional \$10 million will be allocated using the most recent labour market data available on summer students to ensure the new funding is provided to areas where it is needed most.

"The economy remains our government's top priority," said MP Brian Storseth. "That's why we are creating thousands of new jobs for young Canadians, so they can find employment and gain the skills and experience they need to succeed. Our government's investment in the Canada Summer Jobs program will create as many as 3 500 additional jobs for students next sum-

mer, strengthening the local economies of communities right across Canada. This program is very important to many of our local non-profit groups and small businesses as well as a great tool for bringing our local youth home to get job experience."

Funding will be available to not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses to create high-quality summer job opportunities for young people aged 15 to 30 years who are full-time students

and intend to return to school in the next school year. Members of Parliament will be consulted and encouraged to provide input to determine specific priorities in their communities.

Since July 2010, Canada has created over 441 000 new jobs through Canada's Economic Action Plan.

Applications will be available on Feb. 1 and must be submitted by Feb. 28. Interested employers can apply online at www.servicecanada.gc.ca/csj2011.

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Testing for BSE continues

AGRI NEWS SUBMISSION

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency are reminding cattle producers in Alberta to call their veterinarians to collect brain tissue samples to be tested for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), also known as Mad Cow Disease.

Cattle producers play a key role in monitoring and eradicating this disease from the Canadian cattle herd by presenting eligible animals for testing.

It is very important for both groups to test enough eligible samples to continue to demonstrate the low and declining level of BSE in the national herd. This is essential for maintaining Canada's status as a "controlled risk" country for BSE, as recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). This status clearly acknowledges the effectiveness of our BSE surveillance, control and elimination measures, and helps in securing international market access for our beef and cattle.

Producers are encouraged to call a veterinarian if they have animals aged

30 to 107 months that are diseased, distressed, down (non-ambulatory) or recently dead, or animals over 30 months of age with neurological signs. Producers must have possession of the animals for at least 30 days, in order to provide an adequate clinical history.

The Canada and Alberta BSE Surveillance Program continues to reimburse producers \$225 for eligible samples and pay veterinarians for visiting their farms to examine cattle for BSE eligibility and for collection of samples.

Testing for BSE in the Province of Alberta is a shared commitment between the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. A network of approximately 300 private veterinarians is readily available in the province to respond to producers' calls on potentially eligible animals, to examine the animals and to collect samples when eligible.

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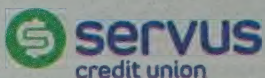


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Northeast Alberta HUB came to the chamber of commerce meeting and led members through "The Futures Game," an entertaining exercise in economic development.

November

The Ukrainian Dance Club held a Halloween Family Frolic that packed the Arts and Leisure Centre with children and adults in zany costumes. Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House hosted the first Lakeland Heritage Partner meetings in two years, hoping to revitalize the group and make its goals a reality.

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club weighed in 12 steers ready to grow into next June's show string. The Christian Community Church took recycling to a new level, turning the former fire hall into their new church through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers.

Representatives of governments, organizations and businesses laid wreaths at Elk Point's cenotaph on a snow-free Remembrance Day, honouring all who defended Canada in the past and present conflicts. Council created Elk Point's first-ever cemetery bylaw and reviewed off-highway vehicle and noise bylaws.

The chamber Christmas Extravaganza added a children's activity lane and a new outdoor skating rink to the entertainment lineup, along with ornament-making sessions for youngsters waiting to see Santa. The chamber invited local walking enthusiasts to give input on planned trail upgrades.

December

The economic development committee visited town council to hear diverse views on the purpose and hoped-for direction of economic development. Elk Point Curling Club was up and running, with Elk Point and District Lions eager to pitch in and cook supper for curlers on a weekly basis.

Northern Lights Library System invited one and all to view the newly modernized and enlarged headquarters. F. G. Miller High School students learned how to avoid the hazards of cyberbullying. Cst. John Spaans of Elk Point RCMP facilitating the sessions.

A pair of concerts at Elk Point Elementary School brought both a Holiday Hoedown and a Holiday Zoobilee to the stage while another crowd enjoyed the Elk Point Community Choir concert and students, staff and special guests enjoyed the annual brunch at F. G. Miller High. Town council passed revised off-highway vehicle and noise bylaws.

Elvis Sibal, Nemesio Tuliao and Violet McFadyen won the chamber's lighting and decorating contest. The chamber was eager to get to work on upcoming events such as a street festival to coincide with the auto club show and shine.

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